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SUBJECT: WRAP-UP MEETING OF IICA SPECIAL COMMITTEE

PASS SIMON WILSON NARA/USOAS FOR DAVID ALTER AND CARL VAN HAEFTEN

PASS AGRICULTURE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF IICA CONCLUDES PRODUCTIVE WEEK TODAY.

HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOW:

1. DISCUSSION ON SIMON BOLIVAR FUND AND DRAFT RESOLUTION  
CONFIRM THAT CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE VOLUNTARY AND ADMINI-  
STRATIVE COST WILL BE COVERED OUT OF FUND MONIES AND NOT  
TO EXCEED 10 PERCENT OF ITS ANNUAL PROGRAM LEVEL.

2. BASIC PROGRAM BUDGET WITH 8 PERCENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR HELD.  
MAJOR ADDED COST WILL BE SALARY AND BENEFITS INCREASES LINKED  
TO UN AND OAS DECISIONS. MORE THAN HALF THIS INCREASE AB-  
SORBED BY IICA, WITH NET ADDITION OF THIS ITEM \$190,000.  
PROGRAM ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR INCREASES ACCOMMODATED WITHIN  
BASIC BUDGET. EXAMPLES:

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A) MEXICO PROPOSAL FOR IICA SUPPORT FOR PESTICIDE CONTROL AND TRAINING PROGRAM. CAREFUL HANDLING BY U.S. DELEGATION AND IICA OFFICERS DEFUSED POTENTIALLY DAMAGING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MEXICO AND U.S. SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY SHIFTING PRIORITIES WITHIN IICA.

B) PROPOSALS FOR INCREASE IN SUPPORT TO CATIE AND TO IICA PROGRAM OF SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT POSTPONED PENDING REAPPRAISAL DURING THE YEAR.

C) SUPPORT FOR 4-H ASSOCIATED RURAL YOUTH PROGRAM OF \$15,000 FOR TRANSITIONAL ONE YEAR WAS PROVIDED THROUGH WORKING FUND.

3. PROGRAM EVALUATION BUDGETED AT \$40,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR IS MAJOR ADD-ON. BUT U.S. DELEGATION PLEASED WITH YEAR-TO-YEAR PROGRESS ON THIS ITEM AND WON AGREEMENT ON BASIC PROCEDURE.

4. OVERALL BUDGET OF \$7,064,000 NOW LIKELY TO GO TO ANNUAL BOARD FOR APPROVAL. U.S. CONTRIBUTION HELD TO ABOUT \$4,400,000.

5. PROGRESS MADE TOWARD CAREFUL PLANNING OF PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN 1976. APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES THROUGH OAS SYSTEM AGREED UPON. A SUM OF \$40,000 FOR THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE IS AVAILABLE THROUGH SAVINGS IN EXPENDITURES UNDER GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.  
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